

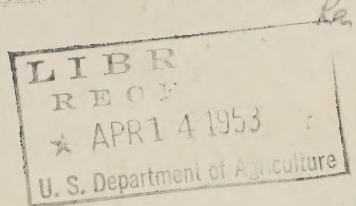
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## HINTS ON VIOLET CULTURE IN THE HOME



### 1. CARE IN THE HOME

- Keep in warm, well ventilated room, without drafts.
- Always maintain a high humidity about your violets. This is especially important with higher temperatures.
- Give as much light as possible: early morning sun is ideal or full rays from winter sun (Dec. and Jan.). Protect from hot sun rays in Spring and Summer, with thin curtain, tissue paper, etc., as the hot sun will bleach the foliage and cause injury.

### 2. WATERING

- Use tepid water for best results.
- You can water either by putting water on top of the soil or by placing the pot in a pan of water and allowing soil to soak up enough to moisten surface of soil. Do not allow plant to remain in water for long periods of time. Most people have better results when they water from below as the watering is more complete and the period before it becomes necessary to water again is longer.
- Water when soil on surface of pot is dry to touch.
- Too frequent watering may cause loss of roots, and crown rot.
- Do not splash cold water on leaves as this will cause spotting.
- For those who prefer to water from the top, give enough tepid water to saturate the entire earth.

### 3. FERTILIZATION

- Well established plants should be fed about once every three weeks to a month with a reliable balanced fertilizer. Follow directions carefully.
- Newly potted plants should not be fed for two months.
- Over fertilization may cause drooping of the foliage and sometimes burning of the leaf margins.

### 4. ADDITIONAL HINTS

For more continuous blooming plants, grow only one plant in a pot and remove the small plants that grow underneath the center crown. Never pull out the leaves in the center of a single crown plant. You may spray the leaves with lukewarm water to remove dust from the leaves.

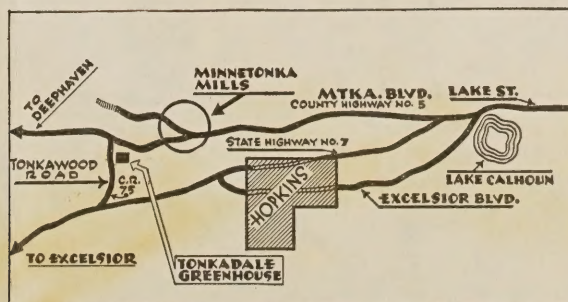
For best flowering keep your plants within one foot of the window. Too little light makes nice foliage and few flowers. During cloudy weather strive to give your plants as much light as possible by drawing curtains aside, pulling up the venetian blinds, etc.

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